

# Church Wardens' Report to AGM 2020

## Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

Fabric Report Mike Brooks

The fabric of the building is in excellent shape thanks to the superb efforts of our predecessors and Jonathan Sturt and Peter Norris in particular, the hard work of our volunteers and the skill and competitive prices of our contractors. We are using Adam Parsonage a lot who attends several activities at our church and he has done good quality work at good rates -he's even donated some of the costs to us on occasions. It won't tie up with Peter's figures but it looks to me that we have spent something like £5,000 on the building in the last 18 months which I believe is a good result.

I can't thank everyone but we have our two Assistant Churchwardens, Jackie Sadler and David Flanagan who have been helping a lot recently, particularly with cleaning along with Jill Tinson and Carolyn Carter who is very practical and does a lot of unseen work, along with Colin and Barbara Carter and of course Sue Morgan. When they are not playing golf Ian Thomas, Mike Brooks and Ken Kilner along with Brian Johnson and Ed Casey are doing a lot in the grounds. John Sturgeon and Mike Smith do a lot of unseen work on maintaining the IT systems in addition to all the other amazing stuff they do.

So we finally fixed the flat roof we hope, with a plastic covering on the top now and a troublesome drainage issue flooding the car park was sorted in May. We've now got some leaking in the porch and prayer room which we hope to sort out next month before we get more rain.

We've got two boilers servicing the building and they need regular maintenance, the older boiler is 2011 and may need more work doing going forward. The dishwasher is around 20 years old and is still holding up but is needing more and more money spent so we'll need to make a decision soon.

In contrast the lighting has been updated and we are in good shape there, we have a best practice PAT test on all our equipment and sockets once a year to keep us all safe.

Two long standing urgent jobs inside the building that we finally got out of the way was the installation of a good rope bannister up to the loft and sorting out the partition in the middle of the church so it is working again-thanks to Jonathan and Adam.

We want to re-open the café as soon as possible and we've been investing so that everything is shipshape when Loice and her team take over

Finally the stars of the show are our volunteers who have been hard at work. Garden clearing and sorting out the vicarage jungle have been quietly sorted in the last few months. We also had team painting the vestibule expertly led by Mike Brooks and lastly the job that Louise and everyone said would never be done – the loft has been tidied and cleared!